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For: Device For Moistening A Material Web

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Examiner: George Koch

AMENDMENTAssistant Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 11, 2002, in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before the paragraph beginning on line 1, insert the following heading:

A1
BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION.

Page 1, amend the paragraph beginning on line 1 to read as follows:

A2
The invention relates to a device for moistening a material web moved in the transport direction, preferably for re-moistening a paper or textile web dried after printing by means of a spray device for spraying a water mist on the material web under the influence of an electrostatic field generated by an electrostatic charging device.

Page 1, before the paragraph beginning on line 13, insert the following heading:

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